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Public Notice: Suspension of Traffic Control on 5th Street Overpass

Jose L. Rios Mayor

Dear Gonzales Community,

Scott Funk Mayor Pro Tem The City has decided to temporarily suspend the traffic control efforts that take place on the 5th street overpass from March 17th to March 24th. Traffic control is planned to resume on March 27th.

Liz Silva Councilmember We recognize that having traffic control personnel in place encourages a safe environment for pedestrians and motorists. However, our safety efforts are not being considered by some motorists who have made the situation on the bridge a danger to all. On the morning of March 16th at least three motorists did not comply with traffic control personnel directions, resulting in multiple near-miss situations. As a result, we are suspending our crew-facilitated traffic control. We firmly believe most drivers are trying to do the right thing and we want to support them as best we can.

Lorraine Worthy Councilmember

Maria Orozco Councilmember

Trevin Barber City Manager The long-term solution has always been improving our other entryways into Gonzales. The Gloria Road interchange will eventually be improved, as will Iverson and frontage road. As developments grow in the future, a road coming into town on the east side will have to be constructed. Future development will really help us solve that problem because we'll be able to spread out the impact over other entryways. Until then, directing traffic at the bridge has been a decent short-term fix. However, it must be conducted in a manner that prioritizes the safety of everyone involved. Please give us some time to think about how to best do that.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time. Please exercise caution when crossing the bridge.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Trevin Barber,

Gonzales City Manager

Gonzales will continue to be a safe, clean, family-friendly community, diverse in heritage, and committed to working collaboratively to preserve and retain its small-town charm.